

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Flat Creek. Flat Creek was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for Total Fecal Coliform Bacteria and the General Standard (Benthic). The Flat Creek stream segment is located in Mecklenburg County and flows near South Hill, Virginia. The impaired segment of Flat Creek is 8.95 miles in length, beginning upstream at the South Hill Regional Sewage Treatment Plant discharge and continuing downstream to the mouth of Flat Creek at its confluence with Lake Gaston.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Flat Creek TMDL will be held on **Monday, October 20, 2003, 7:00 p.m.** in the R. T. Arnold Library located at 110 E. Danville Street in South Hill, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on November 19, 2003.

A fact sheet on the development of the Flat Creek TMDL is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Kelly Wills. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Kelly J. Wills, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24502, telephone (434) 582-5120, fax (434) 582-5125, or e-mail kjwills@deq.state.va.us.